GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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STUDY ON INTER-LINKING OF RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICICI Chairman has been appointed to study the financial aspects of the project on inter-linking of rivers;

(b) if so, whether any group of engineers to study the technical feasibilities of the project has also been appointed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) The Union Government has set-up a Task Force on inter- linkingof rivers on December 13, 2002. The Task Force has the following terms of reference:

i) Provide guidance on norms of appraisal of individual projects in respect of economic viability, socio-economic impacts, environmental impacts and preparation of resettlement plans;

ii) Devise suitable mechanism for bringing about speedy consensus amongst the States;

iii) Prioritize the different project components for preparation of Detailed Project Reports and implementation;

iv) Propose suitable organizational structure for implementing the project;

v) Consider various modalities for project funding; and

vi) Consider international dimensions that may be involved in some project components.

The composition of the Task Force on date is as under:-

1. Shri Suresh P. Prabhu, Member of Parliament (LS) Chairman

2. Shri C. C. Patel, Retd. Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources Vice-Chairman

3. Shri Deepak Das Gupta, Retd. IAS Officer Full-Time Member

4. Shri K. V. Kamath, MD & CEO, ICICI Bank, Member

5. Shri R. K. Pachauri, Director General, Tata Energy Research Member
Institute, New Delhi.
6. Shri Piyush Goyal, Chartered Accountant, Mumbai Member

7 Shri K. Kasturirangan, Chairman, ISRO, New Delhi Member

8. Shri G. C. Sahu, Retd. Engineen-in-Chief, Government of Orissa Member

9. Dr. K. Hari Babu, MLA, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh Member
10. Dr. B. R. Chauhan, a Legal Expert, Delhi Member
11. Shri B. G. Verghese, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi Member
12. Dr. C. D. Thatte, Retd. Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources Member-Secretary

The Task Force has eminent members from different disciplines namely engineering, finance, etc. and is required to give recommendations on all the aspects related to inter-linking of rivers including technical feasibility and economic viability of the project as per its terms of reference.